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IS THE ADDISON STREET SITE THE

matter. Before concurring in the Council's appropriation for the Addison Street lot, they may well inquire whether there are not other sites a no greater price, which would fulfil the intent of the Memorial far more Imposingly and with far more permanent approval.

STAUNTON'S ONE-MAN GOVERN-MENT.

The best test of any system of municipal administration is not its resemblance to proconceived theories, but its ability to get results. It does not appear that the progressive city of Staunton is worrying itself in the least as to whether its novel system of government is "undernocratic" or It merely stands upon what the mystem has done for the city. At a joint meeting of the Staunton Councils the other day, Charles E. Ashburner was re-elected general manager of Staunton for another year, with only one adverse vote. At the same time his powers, restricted while the office was regarded as tentative and experimental, have been considerably inpreased. All the city departments, including lights, streets, water, public institutions and the like, have been brought under his control. The former superintendents of these departments. It seems, are now to rank as his assistants. Full power to "hire and fire" have become his, and he is fairly in though it were some great busines. corporation of which he was the exdence that Mr. Ashburner personally, like a free hand, have both made good.

tration of power in a few responsible yet. Temperance pays, one might say, hands is unmistakably the trend of even in intemperance. city government to-day. In this move- Criticism of Bristol should not be ment Staunton has had the courage to holler-than-thou as yet, and it should go further than any other city of at all times consider the city's peculiar.

which we have knowledge. The apparently complete success of its ex-

exalted plane. Indications now are that the supply of houses has fully caught up with the demand, and a reasonable decline in rental values may be hopefully awaited.

BRISTOL.

Bristol appears to have got herself in the bad graces of her sister cities. The excerpts from various State newspapers printed on this page yesterday contained some caustic rebukes for he supposed settlement of a moral question on a straight dollar and cent basis. Critics far and near, some of whom are even now plumbing the possibilities of drought in their own communities, seem readier than is just to city sold itself out for so many pieces of allver.

Bribery is an ugly word, to be handled with some care. Sweeping judgment upon Bristol's restored wetness may well be suspended until it ap pears what she is going to do with it. That a horde of ousted saloonists from the dry States further South will swarm in there is decidedly unlikely, owing to the contrary provisions of the Byrd law. Much depends on the at-Judge Kelly, who will hear applicants for license on the first Monday in August. The force can plp a good many irrigation plans in the bud if he has a mind to. So can the Council, by severe regulation and very high license How many men are ready to pay \$2,500 position to run the city of Staunton as or \$5,000 a year for the privilege of selling liquor in Bristol? One thing is plain, at any rate: If the whiskey ecutive head. This is pretty good evi- men can and do indulge in any wild orgy of a "business" inflation, they and the unique system under which he will invite swift and sure reprisals. If to work with something Bristol were to turn liself into one grand wide-open all-Southern The throwing out of cumbersome liquor shop, it would give State-wide prohibition the biggest boost it has had

situation. There are bright sides, too Abingdon reports itself as heartly glad 'ederal)aw curtailing the present free-

THROUGH COURSES ON WATER AND LAND, What the United States Corporation

to which the progressive men of Vir-

culture is interested in anything that will stimulate and increase agricultural development. Thus the two can take hands to mutual advantage. These movable institutes are a happy idea, and should be encouraged and promoted in every way.

Dispatches from Africa indicate that a maned lion charged the Colonel with loud roars. This, however, is by no means the worst thing the Colonel was ever charged with.

Mr. Aldrich insists that his interest ing bill carries a substantial reduc-tion. Evidently the gentleman is speaking of reduction ad absurdum.

The sugar trust says that it is not guilty. The trust must mean to get a new definition of guilt into the lexi-

Our corps of research workers wire from Washington that, after a most painstaking investigation, they have been unable to locate any free traders on the conference committees,

The Little Schoolmaster of the Nor-folk Landmark is invited to tell us at its leigure what is the plural of maximum and minimum.

We still insist, however, that a Demo cratic member of Mr. Aldrich's con-ference has considerably more active power and effective influence than a substitute clerk in the pension office.

May be July is simply trying to put up a strong bid for inauguration day.

Doubtless it is a dull corporation that cannot fix its earnings so there ain't a-goin' to be no net.

Mayor Mehlenbrook, of Campbell, Ill., is quoted as indignantly denying that he gave a boy a dime for returning his lost wallet. It is our rough and ready judgment that the Mayor would make a cracking president of the Anti-Tip-ping Society.

Seattle has yet to phove, however, that she can run are exposition without any social wars.

Banquo Thaw.

Borrowed Jingles.

THE INVITATION OF THE FUTURE.

MERELY JORING.

"No puglist ever asks anybody if it in the mough for him," said the merry jester.
"Why not?"
"It might start a real fight."—Washing ton Star.

INCIDENTALLY MENTIONED. A MAN stole a taxicab in New York Think of the risk he ran of being Mistaken for the driver of it.—Boston

"No gambling allowed in New York," says Police Commissioner Baker-excepting in the stock exchange, of course.—Boston Globe.

A PROHIBITION SEESAW.

cessible and convenient easis in a wide and dusty desert, with exceptional profits to accrue, they selzed the opportunity by the forelock, fearful-lest it turn away and knock no more. At once to stop the drain of dollars and to divert the golden flood that formerly rolled toward Chattanogra, Memphis and other noted distributing depots of wetness, into the coffers of its own citizens; to receive and entertain at regular rates the thirsty pilgrims instead of sending forth pilgrims of its own appealed to Bristol, we suspect, more strongly than the arguments of the "wets" about personal liberty and the tyranny of prohibition. The revolt was possibly inspired by a love of principal rather then devotion to principle.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A LOSS TO HISTORY.

Empréss Eugenie Has Written No Memoirs of the Third Empire.

In order to forestail the publication of a volume purporting to contain her memoirs, the Empress Eugenie makes it known that she has not written and does not intend to write a record of her life. Her decision involves a loss to a form of literature in which French women have peculiarly excelled and to which the former Empress might be expected to furnish the cap sheaf. The world could well spare many five-foot shelves of books from its libraries to give place to an intimate and personal account of life behind the scenes during the third empire by one who was so large a part of it, who had an equal share in its glory and in its decline. What more romantic figure has modern history to show than the Spanish countess, vain, proud and beautifut, the "way to whose boudoir through the church door" cost France more human life and treasure than all the mistresses of the Louis? Not all the memoirs of court ladies, with Talleyrand's added, could equal in interest and in political importance the life story by her own hand of the woman who gave the empire of Napoleon III, both its crowning prestige and its deathlow.

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Twice regent of the empire and at all times influential in its government; the bright particular star of its brilled lant court and the world's arbiter of feminiar fashion; the mother of the young prince in whom Bonapartiat hopes died in the Zulu ambush; the supporter of the unhappy Maximilian in his dreams of Mexican conquest; the singuing cause of the fathl conflict with Prussia—"my war and my son's"; the exile of Chiselhurst, now bent and broken in her eighty third year—Bugenle's career has run the full gamut of fortune.

She could write the history of the third empire from a point of view and with sources of information impossible to other historians. Perhaps she is wise in her refusal, but there can be no question of the loss it means to literature.—New York World.

General Sir Alfred Gaselee, who has received the grand cross of the Order of the Bath from King Edward in con-nection with the latter's birthday, bears a name familiar to many Ameri-cans, as having commanded the Brit-

TO-NIGHT

SIMON NEWCOMB.

The Courts of Europe is contingent of the international him, and the United States Congruence of China come eight had granted him special authority or nine years ago for the relief of the according for the relief of the according to the property of China come eight had granted him special authority or nine years ago for the relief of the according to the international property of the property of China control of the contro

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or order; their person and character being in themselves sufficient authority, as is exemplified in the wellsknown story of Cardinal Wolsoy's surrender to one of them. Henry Villa then to interfere with the military before the cardinal refused to yield without seeing the King's commission. This contained some instructions not intended for the knowledge of his eminence, and the earl therefore decilined to produce it. Matters were in agretication of intended for the knowledge of his eminence, and the earl therefore decilined to produce it. Matters were in agretication of the privy chamber entered the apartment. To him the Carjan of the privy chamber, entered the apartment of the privy chamber is sufficient to arrest the system of the series of the series of the first privy chamber is sufficient to arrest the kreates peer of the realm, by the King's commandment, without any commission. Therefore put your authority into execution. Spare not, I will obey the King's will I take God to judge that I never offended the King in word nor deed.

The grooms in waiting have always been required to be either sons of peers, or "of the first rank of gentlement in the kingdom." In one word, "companionable offecers to take one horne by them. But the coffin was found too carry the bedy. The remains of Charles II, ware to have been borne by them. But the coffin was found too carry the bedy. The remains of Charles II, ware to have been borne by them. But the coffin was found too heavy, and so the Yoemen of the Gaurd were called in to perform the Gaurd were called in to perf

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Scientific Achievements of the Great
Astronomer Who Died Sunday.
Simon Newcomb, who died yesterday
in his seventy-fifth year, was one of
his adopted country's greatest men,
great not only, in a relative sensy,
among the men of his hour, but positively a man of achievements to he
remembered through the ages, His
worth had long since been recignized
by the chilghtened countries of the
vorld. The Universities of Oxford,
Cambridge, Heidelberg, Leyden, Christiania, Padua, Cracow, Dublin, Edinburgh and Glasgow, and those of his
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INTERNATIONAL AIRSHIPS.

Changes in the Laws of Nations Will Follow Innovation.
While the time when dirigible balloons and heavier-than-air flying machines will become practical commercial carriers seems far distant, the art of navigating the air has become sufficiently advanced to warrant the consideration of the subject from an international point of view. That aerial

have journeyed through the air for the express purpose of making topographi-

have journeyed through the air for the express purpose of making topographical observations of the neighboring country. It is also possible that bailoons may sometimes be used to facility the smuggling of valuable articles across the frontier.

At any rate, the subject seems to have been regarded of sufficient consequence to be considered both in France and Germany. The German balloonists claim that when their airships crossover into French territory the French customs officials compel them to pay heavily in dues for the privilege of coming to earth in France."—New Orleans Pleayune.

Where Is Powers's Marble of John C. Calhoun! Where is Powers's Marble of John C. Calhoun!

Somewhere in this country there is a lost statue of John C. Calhoun. Any person finding himself in its presence may learn of something to his advantage by communicating with the authorities at Charleston, S. C. J This work of art disappeared during the Civil War, but Charleston has just begun to mourn its loss, and will not be comforted. If publicity will ald in the search, it is a pleasure to make that contribution toward the recovery of this work of art and the consequent assuaging of the grief of a bereaved city.

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The tale of this wandering figure of a statesman begins in distant Rome, where it was brought into the form of life by the cunning hand of the American sculptor, Powers, The Imaginative hand of the artist transformed the South Carolina statesman into a Roman Senator, clad in the iconoclastic drapery of a toga. In its voyage across the sea the statue met the misfortune of a broken arm, which was mended with the best skill of a stonegutter in New York City. This ought to aid in its identification. Set up in the City Hall of Charleston, this Ulyses of marhle resumed its journeyings upon the approach of Northern troopy. Thereafter its Odyssey is of varied varsion. One tradition says that it was buried to save it from the invaders; another that it was removed to Columbia; another that it was captured by the Union army and carried north of Mason and Dixon's line as, a trophy of war.—Washington Herald.

USE ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.